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Ames Legion Family In Action

BUILDING REMODEL FUND UPDATE

This month marks the one year anniversary of re-opening of the Post after an extensive remodeling of the first floor. Through the vision and leadership of various Post members and past Post Officers, we are now fortunate enough to enjoy a comfortable and relaxing Post that we can all be proud of.

The work, however, did not stop when we re-opened. Many members of the Post continue to work diligently to raise funds to help pay off the loan that helped fund the remodeling as quickly as possible and to help fund other necessary upgrades or repairs not originally covered during the remodeling. The Executive Board has established a minimum, yet modest, level to be maintained in the Building Remodeling Fund for unforeseen emergencies. The Executive Board reviews the amount of funds available in the Building Remodeling Fund each month and once a quarter releases additional monies from that fund to pay down the principal. These funds come both from donations received throughout the quarter and fundraisers conducted to benefit the Remodeling Fund. Your contributions to date, coupled with energy improvement rebates received from the City of Ames, have enabled the Post to pay down an additional \$37,000 on the principal of our loan. This is above the amount of principal repaid on a monthly basis.

I think we are all in agreement that the sooner we are able to pay off the loan, the better it will be for the financial well-being of the Post – hence the need to keep working to do just that.

You should also know that some of

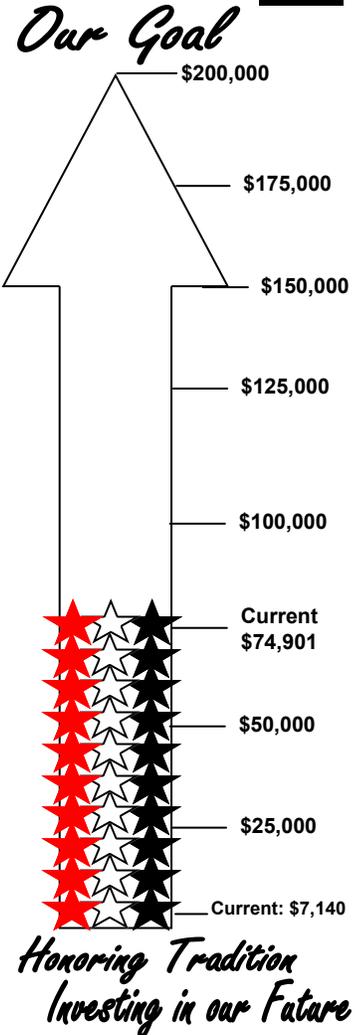
the donations we receive are specifically earmarked by the donor for a particular purpose, such as bar furniture (tables & chairs), bingo related activities or audio-visual equipment. When these donations are received, they are placed in the Building Remodeling Fund and held there until they can be utilized for their donor's intended purpose. These "earmarked" donations have allowed us to upgrade some areas of the Post that were unable to be funded during the remodeling in an effort to keep costs down.

As you can imagine, the challenges to maintain the Post, or to conduct required repairs or improvements, continues. While our main focus now is paying off our loan, we cannot lose track of some of the other areas of the Post that are in need of attention and expend funds, when available and it makes sense, to address those issues. Post membership cannot lose sight of the work we need to continue to do on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis to keep our Post healthy and viable.

June also means that it is time to elect new, or re-elect current, officers and Executive Board members for our Post Family. I hope that you will attend the regularly scheduled meetings of your respective Post organization and actively participate in the election process.

I hope that you will all have a safe and enjoyable the month of June.

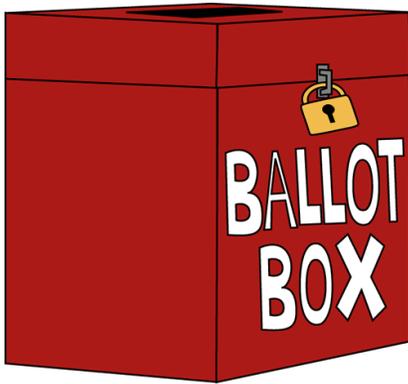
See you at the Post!



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Post Elections to be Held



The Post nominating committee made their first report at the May meeting with a list of candidates for the Post offices. Election will be held at the June meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor if other candidates come forward.

The nominating committee is submitting the following names:

Commander – Doug MacCrae

1st Vice Commander – Marion Eacret

2nd Vice Commander – Keith Harvey

Adjutant – Bob Bellinghausen

Finance – Randy Freel

Historian – John Schomaker

Sgt-At-Arms – Howard Kyle

Chaplain – Ricky Thompson

Service Officer—Bret McLain

Executive Board (6 to be elected)

Martin Escobedo, Everett Freel, Don Johnson, Hank Goetsche, Lee Van Brocklin, Judy Trumpe, Kevin Brace

Race Party Recap



Thanks to everyone that supported the Annual Race Party/ Charity Event in April. The evening was a great success and the Post was about as full as we could get it. Thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers that made this event possible. This year the Legion was able to donate \$2689 to the TJ Reinsch Youth Hockey Foundation.

Unit President Pat's Comments

I am so glad that spring weather has finally arrived. Now that the weather has finally straightened out I'm hoping maybe more of you will be able to come to our monthly Auxiliary meetings. They are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Please try and attend, we would really like to see you.

At our June Meeting we will be electing new officers for the New Year. Our year is from July to July. We would like as many of you there for the election as we can. If you would like to run for an office you can contact Jan Schmidt, Sharon Bellinghausen, or Lois Poppe.

Like I said before our year goes from July to July so we will be starting to

collect the New Year's dues soon. Our 2013-2014 dues will be \$25.00 for senior member. It is greatly appreciated when we can turn in a lot of membership early.

I would like to Thank Sharon Mott for her great job doing our Memorial Service. We lost 5 members this year. They will all be missed.

There has been a lot going on at the Clubroom. If you haven't been in for awhile please do. You are missing some great things. Several people helped with the Brunch we just had and it was great, with the Proceeds going to the Building fund. I would just like to say good job to Sarah Schendel, Doug

MacCrea, Kathy MacCrea, Judy Trumpy, Michelle Sime, Kathy Link, Mike Deacon, Sandy Deacon, Phil Schendel, and Barb Schendel.

We distributed Poppies on May 17th and 18th. I would like to thank all the workers and to all the people who donated. Remember our Poppies are made by Veterans and all donations go to help Veterans.

I wish to thank the ALA members that have been helping with Bingo and ask that more of you if you have the time please HELP us out. We really need you.

Thank you & God Bless

Squadron Commander Mike's Comments

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Memorial Day and that you remembered what the Day is really all about.

I would like to thank all those Legion Family members that are not "Sons", for working the May Steak Dinner. Without you it would not have happened. Now for the S.A.L. "Core" that always shows, Thank You.

On May 13th I had the privilege to attend the Gilbert High School Awards Program, it was Awesome. The 2 winners of Our Merit Award both attend Gilbert. I was able to present Mariah Gilbert and Elizabeth Lynch their \$500.00 Awards. There were over 40 Scholarship awards ranging from 10 winners to 1 winner. The seniors also

received 41 Academic Scholarships from Universities, I was also very impressed that they inducted 11 new members into the National Honor Society for a total of 30. The Students, Family, and Faculty should be extremely proud of the accomplishments. Membership is at 186. Thank you for your support.

Nominations for officers for the 2013 2014 year were held but we still have openings if you wish to come forward. As of now we have:

Commander: Steve Malmquist

First Vice Commander: Mike Deacon

Adjutant: Keven Brace

Finance Officer: Randy Freel

Chaplain: Jim Valentine

Exec. Board: Roger Elliot.

As you can see we still need candidates for the offices of Sergeant At Arms, Historian, and Second Vice Commander. There are also numerous Committees that need to be filled, so please think about getting involved and helping out. Elections will be held at our June meeting and Installation will be in July.

Check in at the Post to see what is happening around the Club Room and check out the Weekly Update.

Please don't forget the Freedom Flight Event on the weekend of June 21st & 22nd. Please support this worthwhile event.

Clubroom News

The 19th annual Art Walk will showcase local artists at nearly 40 downtown stores. The event will take place Friday, June 7, from 6pm to 8pm in downtown Ames. Many of the artists will perform live demonstrations at this district wide event. As always, Art Walk will offer a wide variety of local arts and fun entertainment. Stop by the post and check out the featured artist.

\$2 Burger Nite is Friday, June 14.

Burgers will be served from 5:30-7pm. These burgers are the best in town and you get to dress them however you like them!! Try one of our appetizers with your burger or add a side of fries.

Wednesday, June 19 is Tenderloin Night.

Tenderloins will be served from 5-6:30pm. These giants are \$5 and served with a side of fries. Join your friends at the post or get them to go.

It's that time of year again!! Every Thursday during the summer stop into the clubroom for Dollar Dogs!! Enjoy our 1/3lb. Bahama Mama Hot Dogs and Chips for only \$1.00.

New Membership Year Begins Soon

The new membership year will begin on July 1. Just before that the Legionnaires will receive a renewal notice in the mail. You can respond to the notice by sending it in to the post or you can renew your dues on-line through The American Legion national website, www.legion.org/membership/renewals. Better yet, while you are there you can find an option to renew your Legion membership automatically with your credit card. Simply check the box and next year your membership will be renewed. You won't be bothered with that renewal notice and you won't have us calling to remind you. Whichever option you use, renew your dues. The American Legion needs you.

As we draw closer to the 100th Anniversary of The American Legion the early history of the posts in Iowa is becoming more of a subject of discussion. For those who may not know, the Post numbers were assigned according to when they were chartered.

In order to charter a Post in Iowa, the application for charter had to be signed and notarized in the city where the post was to be formed no earlier than 12:01AM on May 12, 1919. The Posts would then be numbered in the order in which the signed and notarized charter application was delivered to the temporary headquarters in Des Moines.

Groups of veterans in Spencer and Council Bluffs each were determined to be #1. They signed their applications and raced to Des Moines, the Spencer group by car

Legion Rider News



The American Legion Riders held their monthly meeting on May 6th.

Three members of the Boone National Guard Aviation Battalion showed slides and gave a program on the 24th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March which was held in New Mexico on March 17th, 2013. They also presented us with a Certificate of Appreciation, a CD of pictures of the march, and the official coin of the 248th Aviation Battalion. It was a honor to have them with us. On Monday, May 27th we will be leading the Memorial Day Parade in Ames. Our first ride of the season was held Monday, May 13th with a dinner ride to the Open Flame in Gilbert. Ten of us were in attendance and other than a little windy we had a great time. We ride every Monday night and meet behind the Legion. Kick stands up at 6:30. The first Monday of the month is our meeting. Next meeting is Monday, June 3rd.

CLUBROOM COUPON

**Any Tuesday in June
Present Coupon to get
2 drinks for the price of 1.
Cash Purchase Only**

Pasta, Pasta, Pasta

Do you need something quick to take to a pot luck? Do you want to



want to make your dish stand out? Then you need to stop by the post and grab a bag of pasta. We are offering Iowa State and Iowa pasta salad mixes for \$7.50, or American Pride or Support your Troops pasta for \$6.50. All of these pastas have noodles that are shaped per their theme. These items also make great gifts. If you are interested in a different theme, catalogs are available in the clubroom. Please stop into the post and grab yours today. All the proceeds benefit the Building Fund-raising Campaign.



Who Was Snedden Winters?

and Council Bluffs by train. Spencer won the race by just a few minutes and consequently is now Post #1.

Obviously then our Post was the 37th to submit a signed application for charter. In that first year, 352 posts were formed in Iowa, the 3rd most of any state in the country.

From that signed application, a temporary charter would be issued and then later upon further application of the Post, a permanent charter would be issued. Therein lies a mystery in our Post.

Each Post is allowed to choose their own name or simply be known by the name of the city or town where the post is located. The temporary charter for the Ames Post contains the name "Snedden Winters" as the person whom

the post is named for. The permanent charter issued three years later omits that name.

Who then was Snedden Winters and why was his name removed when the permanent charter was issued? Many posts were named for soldiers from that city killed in WW I. Was that the case here? Regulations also state that no post can be named for a living individual. Was that the reason his name was removed? Was he highly decorated but still living and therefore ineligible.

We hope that with the help of the Ames Historical Society and the archives of the Ames Tribune we can identify Mr. Winters and solve this mystery in time to celebrate the 100th birthday of both The American Legion and the Ames Post.

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2 BINGO	3 LEGION RIDERS	4 AUXILIARY REGULAR 7:00	5 BINGO	6 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00	7 ART WALK 6-8PM MUNCHIES NIGHT	8
9 BINGO	10 BUILDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE 6:00	11 SAL REGULAR 6:30	12 BINGO	13 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	14 FLAG DAY \$2 BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:00	15
16 BINGO	17	18 PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	19 TENDERLOINS 5:00-6:30 BINGO	20 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT	21 SHUFFLEBOARD 6:00 AND TEXAS HOLD-EM 7:00	22 FREEDOM FLIGHT 50'S NIGHT
23 BINGO 30 BINGO	24	25 40&8	26 BINGO	27 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	28 MUNCHIES NIGHT	29